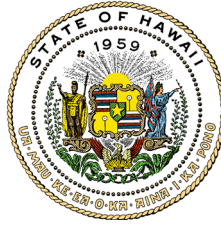


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB3113 SD1  
Relating to Kupuna Care Program**

COMMITTEE ON WAYS and MEANS  
SENATOR DONAVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR  
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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao  
Director, Executive Office on Aging  
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: February 24, 2022  
10 a.m.

Room Number: 211  
Via Videoconference

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department  
2 of Health, strongly supports SB 3113 SD1, Relating to Kupuna Care Program and **offers three**  
3 **amendments.**

4 **Fiscal Implications:** \$1.5 million is being requested in the EOA budget for the Kupuna Care  
5 Program to enable working caregivers maintain their employment. In previous years, the Kupuna  
6 Caregivers Program had its own allocated budget, however for purposes of combining the two  
7 programs, we are requesting the \$1.5 million allocation be appropriated in the Kupuna Care  
8 Program budget.

9 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this bill is to amend Chapter 349, part II, HRS, to  
10 incorporate the Kupuna Caregivers Program into the Kupuna Care Program.

11 The Kupuna Care Program was developed in EOA in 2001 to provide long-term services and  
12 supports to kupuna, and the Kupuna Caregivers Program was established in 2017 specifically to  
13 provide support for working caregivers. However, EOA determined that having two programs

that offer the same services for the care recipient and the caregiver caused silos in the system and did not lend itself to a seamless system of supports for older adults and their caregivers.

The combined program model will streamline the administrative and programmatic burdens imposed by both programs while continuing to provide an array of seamless services and supports to meet the holistic and comprehensive needs of both older adults and their caregivers.

The Area Agencies on Aging in each county that implement both programs will be able to use their federal, state and county funds more efficiently and provide services in a timely manner.

Additional highlights in the bill are:

- Adds definitions for "caregiver", "caregiver support services", "employed caregiver", and "financial management service provider"
- Adds services for the employed caregiver into the list of Kupuna Care services
- Simplifies the process of delivering services through the Kupuna Care Program (i.e., traditional service delivery and participant-directed services)
- Specifies that the Kupuna Care Program shall award funds for services to the service provider or financial management service provider upon receipt of an invoice for services rendered

EOA would like to offer three amendments to SB 3113 SD1:

First, add amendments to the definition of "care recipient" (found in SB 3113 page 3, lines 17-20) so that the names of long-term care facilities are consistent with SB 3113 SD1 page 15, lines 8-11 and Chapter 321, HRS.

"Care recipient" means an individual who:

- (4) Does not reside in a long-term care facility, such as an intermediate care facility, assisted living facility, skilled nursing facility, hospital, adult foster

1           [family] home, community care foster family home, adult residential care home, [or]  
2           expanded adult residential care home~~;~~, or developmental disabilities domiciliary  
3           home; and

4   The second amendment is to delete the definition for "Coach" on page 3, lines 19-21 and page 4,  
5   lines 1-13. The reference to "coach" is being deleted in the statute.

6   Lastly, on page 5, line 11, please add [~~(2)~~] before (A) Attendant care;

7   **Recommendation:** With this measure both programs, Kupuna Care and Kupuna Caregivers,  
8   will continue to serve the needs of Hawaii's kupuna and caregivers, under a more efficient and  
9   streamlined administrative and programmatic system. EOA strongly supports SB 3113 SD1 with  
10   amendments.

11   Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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February 24, 2022

### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

#### Senate Bill 3113, Senate Draft 1 – Relating to Kupuna Care Program

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports Senate Bill 3113, Senate Draft 1 Relating to Kupuna Care Program. This bill would incorporate the Kupuna Caregivers Program into the Kupuna Care Program and add services for care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers.

Currently the programs are divided, although both aim to assist seniors receiving at home care. Combining the programs will help efficiently deliver funds to those in need and simplify the process of delivering services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristine Pagano*

*for* KIRBY L. SHAW  
Executive Director

2/23/22

TO: Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Honorable Chair Senator Donovan M. DelaCruz  
Honorable Vice-Chair Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran

FROM: James Mariano

SUBJECT: SB3113, SD1 RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE PROGRAM

HEARING: Thursday, February 24, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Conference Room 211 &  
Videoconference

POSITION: Support of SB3113, SD1

My name is James Mariano and I am a Program Specialist with the Maui County Office on Aging. I am in support of SB3113, SD1.

I am in support of streamlining elder care services offered by the local area agencies on aging for older adults and their caregivers. The inception of the Kupuna Caregiver program was creative in concept and also confusing. It offered to support employed caregivers but many of the services already paralleled those in the Kupuna Care program. Because caregivers can also access similar services (e.g., respite, daycare for their loved one), it makes sense to me that the Kupuna Caregiver program (KCG) be incorporated into the Kupuna Care (KC) and fund just one program. It would reduce confusion and better support older adults and their caregivers in Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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**Hawaii State Legislature  
The Senate  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Thursday, February 24, 2022  
10:00 a.m.**

TO: The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

RE: SB 3113 S.D.1, Relating to Kupuna Care Program

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonpartisan, social mission organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of nearly 38 million nationwide and over 140,000 in Hawai'i.

AARP Hawai'i supports SB 3113 S.D.1 which incorporates the kupuna caregivers program into the kupuna care program. Combining the two programs eliminates confusion with similar names and overlapping scope of services, and enables more efficient use of federal, state and county funds. Kupuna Care has been a long-standing program that provides an array of home and community-based services such as home/chore services, transportation and offers respite to family members. The Kūpuna Caregiver program designed specifically for working caregivers, affords families to send their loved ones to adult day care centers and receive additional in-home help during the day so that they continue to work and make a living.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to support SB 3113 S.D.1

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keali'i Lopez", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Keali'i Lopez, AARP Hawai'i

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February 22, 2022

Senator Donovan Delacruz, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Conference Room 211

### RE: SB3113 – Relating to Kupuna Care Program

Aloha Chair Delacruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, I am pleased to extend our support for SB3113, which incorporates the kupuna caregivers' program into the kupuna care program. This update will improve government efficiency and add services for care recipients, caregivers, and working caregivers.

Although the Alzheimer's Association and other community agencies provide numerous services to family caregivers and care recipients, there are many services that are needed beyond what we can provide. These programs are a lifeline for many Hawaii caregivers, especially for those who are working and providing care for a loved one.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [ljduenas@alz.org](mailto:ljduenas@alz.org), or by phone at 808.495.4122.

Sincerely,



LJ Duenas  
Executive Director  
Alzheimer's Association



To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Hearing Date/Time: February 24, 2022 at 10:00AM  
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211  
Re: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB3113

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

Members of AAUW of Hawaii thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of SB3113 which would incorporate the kupuna caregivers program into the kupuna care program and add services for care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers. This action is needed to guarantee care, independence and dignity for the many kupuna and dedicated caregivers in our communities.

Women shoulder a disproportionate burden of elder care responsibilities: About 25% of women aged 45-64 care for an older relative according to a 2019 survey from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Being forced to leave the labor force to do unpaid care work limits women's advancement and corresponding pay increases, contributing to the gender pay gap. On average, women spend 12 years less in the workforce than men – if they choose to leave workforce to take care of their elders at least they are getting compensated. By offering support services to care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers, SB3113 allows caregivers to remain in the workforce so they can support their families while ensuring care for older relatives.

Many kupuna find a shortfall in dollars spent for basic care and assistance, this is simply an unacceptable standard after one dedicates a lifetime of hard work for society. The gender pay gap also continues into retirement, with the 2019 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey showing a nearly 30% difference in total retirement income between men and women. There are serious and disproportionate financial barriers to seniors aging in place and avoiding institutionalization. Providing the support services outlined in SB3113 for the kupuna care program will greatly assist all older adults who wish to continue residing in their homes.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Hawaii is an all volunteer, statewide chapter of a national organization and is made up of six branches: Hilo, Honolulu, Kaua'i, Kona, Maui, and Windward O'ahu. UH Hilo, UH Mānoa, UH Maui College, and Windward Community College are also AAUW partners. AAUW's mission is





to advance gender equity for equal opportunities in education, at workplace and for economic security, and in leadership.

with Aloha,

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**SB-3113-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/21/2022 9:06:19 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/24/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT SB 3113 RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE PROGRAM.

Feb. 22, 2022

The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura

Chair The Honorable Senator Les Ihara, Jr.

Vice-Chair Hawaii State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Support of SB3113, relating to Kupuna Care Program, 3:45 P.M., February 10, 2022,  
Conference Room 225 and Videoconference.

Dear Senator San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee on Human Services:

My name is Kelly M. Medeiros. I am currently a senior at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in the Thompson School of Social Work program, my opinions are of my own and I do not represent the University. Although, this is where I was able to conduct an interview with the Maui County Office of Aging during my training and was educated on the Kupuna Care Program and the urgent need to merge with the Kupuna Caregiver Program. Not only would this merge allow for a universal, effective, and efficient care plan by case managers it would also provide one entity in which would alleviate and consolidate funding sources to serve the needs of our Kupuna and Kupuna Caregivers in our community.

Having been a kupuna caregiver myself for my grandfather while balancing two households as a woman in my 20's, there was little support for kupuna caregivers. I come from a place of knowing what caregiver burnout is. I personally experienced the offset of finding day care while emotionally and physically supporting my grandfather through a transition of several major health concerns.

I continue to support Kupuna Care and the Kupuna Caregiver strategies that will incorporate a vast range of home and community-based services, permit an efficient use of federal, state, and county funding that is designed specifically for working caregivers. SB3113 would afford the families in our community to alleviate in home help so that they can continue to have a conducive livelihood in Hawaii.

With much gratitude for the opportunity to support SB3113,

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**SB-3113-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:32:21 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/24/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
John A. H. Tomoso	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

02-22-22

RE: SB3113 SD1

Aloha,

I am in strong support of this Bill, incorporating the kupuna caregivers program into the kupuna care program and adding services for care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers, per SD1. In this way, I believe the Aging Network, statewide, becomes more accessible to all who need comprehensive, coordinated and cooperative services to be cared for, to give care and to "age in place" in the communities that we share, intergenerationally.

Mahalo for your considerations.

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